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Suspect Indicted for Making and Selling Fake IDs

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Oct. 27, 2005) The Attorney General Terry Goddard today announced an indictment against Maria del Carmen Castejon Nava of Phoenix for manufacturing and selling fake identifications.

Nava was indicted on five counts related to the sale and production of false identifications. She was charged with one count of illegally conducting an enterprise, one count of trafficking in the identity of another person, two counts of forgery and one count of criminal possession of a forgery device.

Nava allegedly participated in an organization named "Marcos," and offered forged documents for sale. According to the indictment she sold a false Arizona Drivers' license and Social Security card to an undercover officer in September. Officers followed Nava to an apartment which they later searched, discovering computer equipment to make the false documents.

She was arraigned on Oct. 21. Her next court appearance will be an initial pretrial conference on Nov. 30 before Maricopa County Court Commissioner Barbara Ann Hamner. Nava faces a maximum of 10 years in prison if convicted on all charges.

This indictment is the result of ongoing efforts by the Governor's ID Theft Task Force, comprised of state, federal and local law enforcement agencies to combat human smuggling. The false documents can be used to facilitate human smuggling, identity theft and related crimes.

Assistant Attorney General Todd Lawson is prosecuting these cases.

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